

New Butterflies from Sipora Island

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In July 1978 the Jiwa Baru Butterfly Collection Club, of Padang, West Sumatra, sent an expedition to Sipora, in the Mentawai Islands, with the following members taking part: Lie Tiang CIN, Irwan DARMALI, Herryanto HARTANTO, Himzar RACHMADI and Khoe Cin LOEN. I am grateful to the members of the Club for the privilege of examining their captures and for permission to present to the British Museum (Natural History) on their behalf the types of the new taxa described below.

Tanaecia godartii vuiana subsp. n.

(Figs. 1, 2 ♂; 3, 4 ♀)

♂. The forewing, which measures 30.0 mm., has the apex less produced and the termen straighter than in other subspecies. The upperside is dark blackish-brown with the paler bars crossing the forewing cell tinged with mauve and with greyish lavender-blue marginal bands. On the forewing the band is inwardly irregular and measures 7.0 mm from the tornus to mid-space 3 above which it decreases abruptly and fades out at vein 5. On the hindwing the band is almost regular from vein 1b to vein 8 and is 10.0 mm wide, so that the lavender area covers approximately two-thirds of the wing surface; the bend bears nearer its inner than its outer edge an obscure, paler fascia about 2.0 mm wide from vein 2 to vein 7. Underside pale greyish-buff, with a slight greenish tinge, and with the postdiscal dark fascia on the forewing faint and placed further from the termen than usual.

♀. Forewing length 35.0 mm. The upperside is apparently closest to subsp. *samasara* (FRUHSTORFER, 1913) from Nias, which is known only from the type figured in SEITZ, pl. 132e as "*vacillaria*" in error, but with the following differences. The upperside is much darker, on the forewing the spots are smaller and pure white, on the hindwing the postdiscal sagittate markings are almost obsolete and the pale band on their inner edge is white tinged with mauve, whereas in *samasara* it is greyish-blue. On the underside the ground colour is the same shade as in the male.

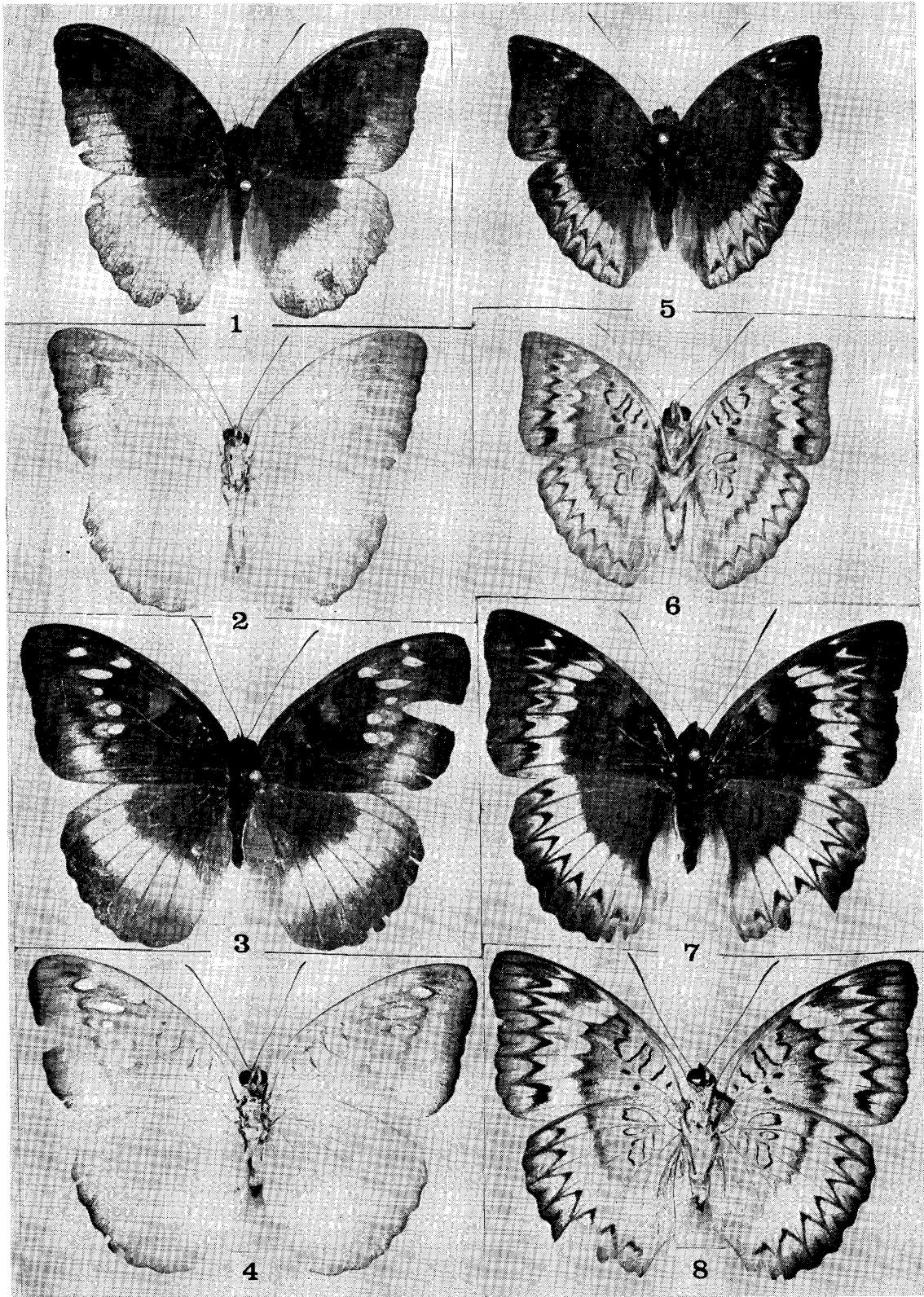
Holotype ♂ and allotype ♀, Mentawai Islands, Sipora Is., vii. 1978.

The subspecies is named after Mr. Lo Vun VUI, who extended hospitality to the members of the Club during their stay in Sipora.

Euthalia monina jiwabaruana subsp. n.

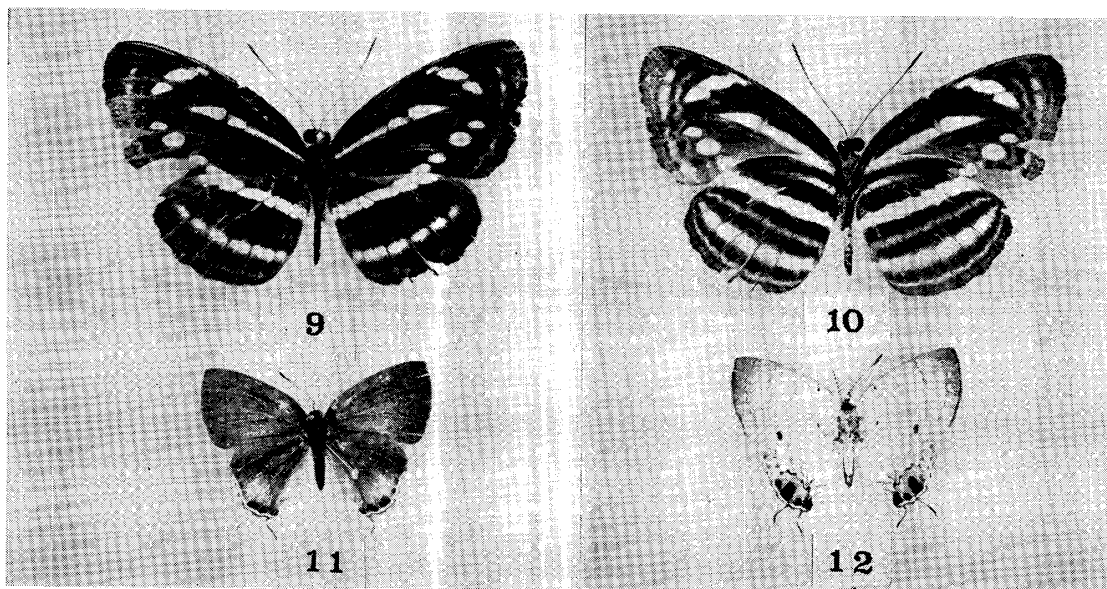
(Figs. 5, 6 ♂; 7, 8 ♀)

♂. Nearest to the Sumatran subsp. *erana* DE NICÉVILLE, from which *manda* FRUHSTORFER, from the Batu Islands, is only doubtfully separable. On the upperside it is intermediate in appearance between fs. *erana* and *ramadina* CORBET. The underside



Figs. 1-4., *Tanaecia godartii vuiana* subsp. n., holotype ♂ and allotype ♀.

Figs. 5-8. *Euthalia monina jiwabarwana* subsp. n., holotype ♂ and allotype ♀.

Figs. 9-10. *Neptis clinia smedleyi* ELIOT ♂.Figs. 11-12. *Chliaria othona jiwabaruana* subsp. n., holotype ♀.

differs from Sumatran examples by the buff ground colour being strongly tinged with green in the basal half of the hindwing.

♀. The upperside is darker and the postdiscal band is pure white, not greyish-white as in subsp. *erana*, and on the hindwing is wider and inwardly more regular. On the underside the basal half of the hindwing is greyish-green.

Holotype ♂ and allotype ♀, Mentawai Islands, Sipora Is., vii. 1978.

***Neptis clinia smedleyi* ELIOT, 1969 stat. n.**

(Figs. 9, 10 ♂)

The original description was of a single female with a dark brown underside in the combination *Neptis nata smedleyi* ELIOT. The discovery and dissection of the male has shown that *smedleyi* pertains to *Neptis clinia* MOORE.

***Chliaria othona jiwabaruana* subsp. n.**

(Figs. 11, 12 ♀)

♀. Differs from the Sumatran subsp. *phataea* FRUHSTORFER as follows. On the upperside of the hindwing the bluish-grey area is confined to the tornal one-fifth, whereas in *phataea* it occupies roughly half the wing. On the underside the apical area is ochreous of a more brownish shade, the discal band on both wings is browner and on the hindwing the orange tornal area is almost twice as wide, the black marginal spot in space 2 is more elongate and the black postdiscal spot in space 7 is much narrower.

Holotype ♀, Mentawai Islands, Sipora Is., 21. vii. 1978.